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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Pallas, et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification on Page 1, line 2, after the title, to add - This application claims priority to application

no. PCT/US98/TI224 filed May 22, 1998, which claims priority to

application no. 08/862,610 filed May 23, 1997, which are both incorporated herein by reference. -

In the Claims

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. The apparatus of claim 1, [or 2 claim] wherein said planar cavity of said flow chamber further has a optically transmissive ceiling and a floor, the optically transmissive ceiling and the floor being parallel to one another and the floor having a plurality of parallel ridges, the parallel ridges being disposed parallel to said axis of said flow chamber, and

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